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SUBJECT: EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION: MOSCOW CASES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT, CONSOFF SUCCEEDED ON SEPT 25 IN PERSUDADING SOVIET OVIR AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT PROXY EXIT VISA APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF ELDERLY SOVIET SISTER OF TWO AMCITS NOW IN MOSCOW AS TOURISTS. AMCIT SISTERS IN THIS CASE ARRIVED MOSCOW WITH PERSONAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO CHARGE FROM CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY YATES. IN CALL ON MOSCOW OVIR CHIEF CONCERNING THIS CASE, CONSOFF ALSO RAISED GOLTZMAN/MICHELSON, LEIMER AND OTHER UNRESOLVED MOSCOW CASES ON USG REPRESENTAUON LIST XV. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSOFF PRESENTED NOTE TO MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FIRST SECREVARY NECHAYEV SEPT 25 REQUESTING MFA ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING ISSUANCE OF SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION TO MRS. YELIZAVETA DASHNITSKAIA, AGE 82, WHO WISHES JOIN IN US ONLY LIVING RELATIVES, HER AMCIT SISTERS SONIA AND ANNA SCHECHTMAN, 3900 NORTH LAKE SHORT DRIVE, CHICAGO. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED PARTICULAR URGENCY IN THIS CASE BASED ON FACT THAT A) DASHNITSKAIA NOW IN MOSCOW HOSPITAL DUE TO GENERAL STATE OF WEAKNESS RESULTING FROM ADVANCED AGE, AND B) HER AMCIT SISTERS NOW IN MOSCOW ON TOURIST VISAS EXPIRING OCT 2 AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SISTER HOME WITH THEM FOR EXTENDED VISIT. CONSOFF POINTED OUT THAT DASHNITSKAIA'S DOCTOR INFORMED

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EMBASSY THAT HOSPITAL IS PREPARED RELEASE HER PROVIDED THAT SHE

WILL BE IN CUSTODY OF SOMEONE WHO WILL ASSIST HER. CONSOFF REQUESTED THEREFORE THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES PERMIT PROXY EXIT VISA APPLICATION ON BEHALF DASHNITSKAIA THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF EMBASSY ON BASIS OF INVITATION (VYZOV) PREPARED TARE AMCIT SISTERS.

3. NECHAYEV SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW URGENCY EMBASSY'S REQUEST, CONSOFF SHOULD ADDRESS HIMSELF DIRECTLY TO CHIEF OF MOSCOW OVIR, COLONEL FADEYEV. IN MEETING ARRANGED SAME DAY, FADEYEV AGREED TO ACCEPT CONSOFF'S PROXY SUBMISSION OF DASHNITSKAIA APPLICATION, AND TO WAIVE SEVERAL BUREAUCRATIC STEPS. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH EXIT PASSPORT COULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BY OCT 2 EXPIRATION DATE OF SISTERS' SOVIET VISAS, HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE CONSIDERATION THIS CASE.

4. EMBASSY IS ADVISING SCHECHTMAN SISTERS AS TO VISA EXTENSION, AIR TICKET ALTERATIONS, HOSPITAL DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DASHNITSKAIA, ETC. SINCE SCHECHTMAN SISTERS ARRIVED WITH PERSONAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO CHARGE FROM REP SIDNEY YATES, REQUEST DEPT ADVISE YATES OF EMBASSY EFFORTS IN THIS CASE AND ASSURE HIM THAT WE WILL SEE THROUGH TO DEPARTURE OF THREE SISTERS. (COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE TO MFA POUCHED EUR/SOV.) SINCE THE UNPRECEDENTED (TO KNOWLEDGE OF CONSOFFS) COOPERATION OF OVIR IN ACCEPTING PROXY EXIT VISA APPLICATION IS INTERESTING STORY IN ITSELF, DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPARATE AIRGRAM.

4. CONSOFF ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING WITH COLONEL FADEYEV

TO EMPHASIZE CONTINUING INTEREST OF USG IN UNRESOLVED MOSCOW CASES ON REP LIST XV. FADEYEV ACCEPTED LIST OF THESE CASES WITH FOLLOWING NAMES: BIRULINA/BERUKSHTIS, GERSHOVICH, GOLTZMAN/MICHELSON (STATE 181142), GUTMAN, LEIMER (GEORGE FEIFER MOTHER-IN-LAW, MOSCOW 8959), LEVINA AND MODEL. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THESE CASES REPRESENT SEPARATION OF CLOSEST FAMILY MEMBERS AND HAVE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. FADEYEV READ ALOUD EACH NAME AND STATED THAT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH MOST OF THESE CASES. HE GAVE HIS USUAL ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD "LOOK INTO" EACH CASE.

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